Nedumangad) in the Sri Chitra State Council on 9-4-1109 (Vol. II No. 2) regarding the opening of an Anchal Office at Madavoor-Pallikkal in Chirayinkil taluk, will the Government be pleased to state whether they have enquired into the matter of offering security?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. One Easwara Kurup Govinda Kurup, Alummootil, Madavoor-Pallikkal, has offered to deposit a sum of Rs. 250 both as guarantee against loss to Government in the working of the Anchal Office if opened and as security for the combined post of master and runner.

Assessment on Kuthakapattam lands.

337. *MR. S. **NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether, at the time of the last Settlement, Sirkar lands having yielding trees have been given on *Kuthakapattam* without term to owners of adjacent lands on the ground that such owners have effected improvements on those Sirkar lands;

(*b*) if so, the basis on which assessment was made on those lands; and

(*c*) whether steps are now being taken in the Chirayinkil and Nedumangad taluks to revise and enhance the assessment fixed at the time of the last Settlement?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) and (*c*) These questions do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*)

Appointment of ladies in the P. W. Department.

333. *MR. S. **NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received applications from ladies, either graduates or under-graduates, for the posts of clerks and typists in the Chief Engineer's Office and in the offices subordinate thereto:

(*b*) whether any lady applicants have been appointed hitherto; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, the reason therefor?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) For want of suitable vacancies and the fact that there are many male acting hands to be absorbed.

Causeway on the Pallikkal—Chadayamangalam road.

339. *MR. S. **NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation against the construction of a "Chappathi" near the second mile-stone on the Pallikkal-Chadayamangalam road and

(*b*) if so, the action taken in the matter?

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